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Land Grant Application- Benjamin, John (Whitefield)

John Benjamin

Betsy Decker Benjamin

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I Beniah Benjamin of Whitefield, in
the County of Lincoln & State of Maine - aged
forty five years - do upon oath testify & say that
I was present at my father's, John Benjamin's
house in Livermore in the County of Oxford when
he, the said John Benjamin was lawfully
married to Betsey Vinney - and heard Cyrus
Hamlen Esqr perform the marriage ceremony
between my said father & the said Betsey Vinney,
The said Hamlen being then a Justice of the Peace
for said County of Oxford, acting as such; The fore-
going marriage took place about thirty years ago
& in the month of March, I believe -

I further state that my said father died in
December A.D. 1814 - according to my best recollection,
and his said wife is still living & bears the name
of Betsey Desker - she having married a Mr Desker,
since the decease of my said father - & she is
now again a widow -

I further state that my father always said that
he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war -

Beniah Benjamin

Subscribed and sworn to by the
said Beniah Benjamin -

In presence of me

J. W. Fuller Jr

Betsy Decker

Betsy Decker 608
widow of J^r Benjamin

Judge to certify,

(Filed Dec. 11, 1835,
Crane's Reg^d
Admitted, and
certificate N^o 325 of
April 4, 1836,
Renew the above
S. W. Robinson

S. W. Robinson

I Betsy Decker of Freedom in the County of Waldo and State of Maine, aged sixty one years, do, upon oath declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," that I am the widow of John Benjamin Decker late of Waldo in the County of Lincoln and State of Maine, who died at Whitefield on the second day of December A. D. 1844. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, said Benjamin Decker did enlist for the term of four years as a soldier of the Revolutionary Army and that he served three years after the expiration of the said three years as a substitute for some person to me unknown in said Army, making in the whole seven years that he served in said Revolutionary Army as I frequently heard him say previous to his decease.

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, John Benjamin Decker was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of Freedom in the County of Stafford in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in Whitefield aforesaid, where he had resided for seven years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,) a grant of Land, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Attest
E. Farnham

Betsy Decker
her
Signature -

STATE OF MAINE.

Kennebec SS.....Subscribed and sworn to this seventeenth day of November 1835
Before me,
E. Farnham JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I, Betsy Decker widow of John Benjamin Decker in the County of Waldo and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint Wm. Robinson of Hallowell in the County of Kennebec, my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers," to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present. HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this seventeenth day of November A. D. 1835.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

E. Farnham

Betsy Decker
her
Signature

STATE OF MAINE.

Kennebec SS.
Be it known, that on this seventeenth day of November 1835, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared Betsy Decker above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by her signed, to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

E. Farnham JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

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Petsey Secher

March 6. 1877

Received on the
within certificate
of lot no 66 in Indian
Township No. 3.

David B. Fuller

STATE OF MAINE.

LAND OFFICE,

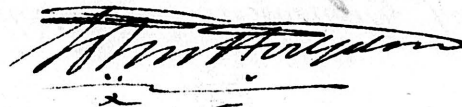
Augusta, April 4, 1836.

N^o 325,

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That Betsey Decker
of Freedom in the County of Waldo, widow of
John Benjamin late of Whitefield in the County of
Lincoln, deceased
by declaration sworn to on the 17th day of November last.

(See claim N^o 608.)

and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved her claim
to the benefits of a "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers of
the Revolutionary war and the widows of deceased officers and soldiers,"
approved March 17, A. D. 1835, and that "THE LAWFUL HOLDER" of this
certificate is entitled, under the provisions of a Resolve additional to said
Resolve, approved March 16, 1836, to **TWO HUNDRED ACRES OF**
LAND.




Land Agent of Maine.

Exam^d. & countersigned,
Wm. Ward Jr.

I do know all men by these Presents that I Betsy Duke
of Freedom in the County of Waldo & State of Maine widow
in consideration of twenty Dollars to me paid (then receipt
whereof I do hereby acknowledge) by David B. Fuller of Albion
in the County of Kennebec & State of Maine, do hereby
grant bargain sell assign & let over unto the said Fuller
his heirs & assigns, all the estate right title & interest to which
I am entitled by the within certificate.

To Have & to Hold the same to the said Fuller his heirs
and assigns to his & their use & benefit forever. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the twenty first
day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred & thirty six.

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in presence of -
E Farnham

Betsy ^{her}  Decker
Signature

Witnessed May 21. 1836. Then the above named Betsy Duke
acknowledges the above instrument by her subscribed to be her
free act & deed. Before me E Farnham } Justice of the peace